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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL NOTES ON CEAUSESCU VISIT TO FRG

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1. GERMAN AMBASSADOR WICHERT HAS NOW GIVEN ME EXTENSIVE
REVIEW OF CEAUSESCU'S TRIP TO FRG, WHICH ACCORDS WITH
VARIOUS BONN MESSAGES. VARIOUS ADDITIONAL BITS OF INFORMATION
FOLLOW INCLUDING SOME POINTS THAT REPORTEDLY RELATE TO
RESTRICTED TALK BETWEEN BRANDT AND CEAUSESCU ALONE:

2. CEAUSESCU SUGGESTED THAT BILATERAL TRADE COULD REACH
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2.5 BILLION MARKS BY END OF CURRENT ROMANIAN FIVE YEAR PLAN

(1975) AND 4.5 BILLION BY END OF FOLLOWING FIVE YEAR PLAN.

BRANDT AGREED THIS WOULD BE REALISTIC.

3. AFTER NOTING CEAUSESCU DESIRE FOR CREDITS AT LOW
INTEREST AND GERMAN FEFUSAL THEREOF, WICKERT SAID ROMANIANS
SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED PRIVATE BANK CREDIT FOR 200 MILLION
DM AT 9 1/2 PER CENT INTEREST. CREDIT WAS PRESUMABLY CURRENCY
LOAN SINCE WICKERT SAID IT WAS NOT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT
GERMAN EXPORTS WHICH FRG NOW SEEKING TO RESTRAIN.

4. CEAUSESCU SPOKE OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN EC
AND COMECON, WHICH GERMANS FOUND TO BE SURPRISING FROM
ROMANIA.

5. ONLY ONE JOINT VENTURE (RENK) FINALIZED. NEGOTIATIONS
ON OTHERS WOULD PROBABLY DRIFT UNTIL IT BECAME CLEAR HOW
FIRST ONE DEVELOPED. VOLKSWAGEN WAS CAUTIOUS ABOUT GETTING
INVOLVED TOO DEEPLY TOO FAST. IT WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY
OF STARTING JOINT VENTURE FOR PARTS ONLY; IF THAT WERE
CONCLUDED AND THEN PROVED SUCCESSFUL, PRODUCTION OF VEHICLES
COULD BE CONSIDERED.

6. CEAUSESCU RAISED WAR CLAIMS BUT BRANDT CUT HIM OFF
QUICKLY, SAYING ROMANIA HAD NOT BEEN NOTED FOR ACTIVE
ROLE AGAINST HITLER. FRG WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS
CONNECTED WITH SPECIFIC WAR CRIMES, OF WHICH THERE ARE
ONLY A VERY FEW CASES. CEAUSESCU SAID MATTER WAS NOT
IMPORTANT TO ROMANIA AND QUICKLY DROPPED IT.

7. GERMANS DID NOT RAISE DIVIDED FAMILIES QUESTION SINCE
GOR HAS BEEN DOING RATHER WELL THIS YEAR IN PERMITTING
EMIGRATION AND FRG SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS.

8. ON QUESTION OF CONSULATES, ROMANIANS OFFERED ONLY FOUR
COUNTIES AROUND SIBIU, SPECIFICALLY SIBIU, HUNEDOARA, ALBA
AND BRASOV. GERMANS SAID THEY DID NOT EVEN WANT BRASOV
WHICH COULD BE HANDLED
FROM BUCHAREST. THEY WERE NOT
INTERESTED IN CONSULATE TO COVER GERMAN COMMUNITY AS SUCH
BUT IN MAKING CONSULAR SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO APPLICANTS.
ROMANS ALSO OFFERED A CONSULATE AT CONSTANTA WHICH GERMANS
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TURNED DOWN. ROMANIANS PEGGED THEIR REFUSAL TO EXPAND
CONSULAR DISTRICT TO UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR THEIR DEADLOCKED
NEGOTIATIONS WITH HUNGARIANS OVER CONSULATE AT CLUJ. THEY
ALSO CITED HUNGARIAN CLAIMS IN RESPECT TO LARGE HUNGARIAN
MINORITY IN TRANSYLVANIA AS PART OF RATIONALE FOR REJECTING
GERMAN PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON DESIRABILITY OF EVENTUAL UNIFI-
CATION OF NATIONALITIES.

9. IN "FOUR EYES" MEETING, BRANDT HOLD CEAUSESCU THAT CORNERSTONE OF GERMAN POLICY REMAINED AND WOULD REMAIN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND CLOSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. CDAUSESCU SUGGESTION OF REACHING AGREEMENTS IN EUROPE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS WAS REJECTED WITH TERSE BRANDT COMMENT THAT GERMANS HAD ANOTHER TREATY. CEAUSESCU EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MBFR FOCUS ON CENTRAL EUROPE WOULD BRING DANGER TO FLANKS AND HE ALSO SPOKE MUCH OF BALKAN COOPERATION ALONG FAMILIAR LINES. IN THIS RESTRICTED MEETING, BRANDT ALSO EMPHASITICALLY TOLD CEAUSESCU, APPARENTLY TO LATTER'S INITIAL SURPRISE AND ARGUMENT, THAT EC WOULD DEVELOP BY 1980 INTO RATHER WELL DEVELOPED POLITICAL ENTITY WITH MANY POLITICAL DECISIONS BEING TAKEN AT SUPRANATIONAL LEVEL.

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